

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A printing agent service method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:
receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal;
retrieving a printing agent printer site ~~elosest~~ nearest to the location of ~~said the~~ said the client terminal based on ~~said the~~ said the location information;
sending ~~said~~ said information of the nearest printing agent printer site to ~~said the~~ said the client terminal for display;
receiving the printing agent printer site specified by ~~said the~~ said the client terminal, and sending the print data of ~~said the~~ said the print request to a printer at ~~said the~~ said the specified printing agent printer site;
receiving a user ID from ~~said the~~ said the client terminal, and sending to ~~said the~~ said the client terminal ~~the a~~ a predetermined number of most recently used printing agent printer ~~site sites~~ selected in the past by the user indicated by ~~said the~~ said the user ID; ~~and~~
receiving a selected printer agent printing site from the predetermined number of most recently used printing agent printer sites; and
printing ~~said the~~ said the print data at the selected printer agent printing site when a client who has sent ~~said the~~ said the print request instructs printout at ~~said the~~ said the selected printing agent printer site.

20. (Currently Amended) A printing agent service system, comprising:

a database for storing printing agent printer sites; and

a server for receiving a print request and location information from a client terminal, and retrieving, from ~~said~~ the database, the printing agent printer site nearest to the location of ~~said~~ the client terminal in accordance with ~~said~~ the location information,

wherein ~~said~~ the server sends ~~said~~ information of the nearest printing agent printer site to ~~said~~ the client terminal for display, and thereafter,

receives from ~~said~~ the client terminal a specified printing agent printer site, and sends print information of ~~said~~ the print request to a printer at ~~said~~ the specified printing agent printer site;

wherein ~~said~~ the server receives a user ID from ~~said~~ the client terminal, and sends to ~~said~~ the client terminal ~~the~~ a predetermined number of most recently used printing agent printer site sites selected in the past by the user indicated by ~~said~~ the user ID; and

wherein the server receives from the client terminal a printer agent printing site selected from the predetermined number of most recently used printer agent printing sites; and

wherein ~~said~~ the printer performs a printout at the selected printer agent printing site when a client who has sent ~~said~~ the print request instructs ~~said~~ the printout at ~~said~~ the selected printing agent printer site.

21. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, wherein the sending comprises sending map information showing the nearest printing agent printer site based on the location information.

22. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, wherein the receiving comprises receiving GPS information from the client terminal.

23. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, wherein the retrieving comprises retrieving a current location of the client terminal based on the location information, and retrieving the printing agent printer site nearest to the current location.

24. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, further comprising:
receiving agent printing results from the printer, and sending the agent printing results to the client terminal.

25. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, further comprising:
automatically debiting a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with the agent printing results.

26. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, further comprising:
instructing printing that includes an advertisement to the printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from the client terminal; and
discounting a printing fee in accordance with the agent printing that includes an advertisement.

27. (New) The printing agent service method according to claim 19, further comprising:

sending an agent printing fee to the client terminal in accordance with the agent printing results.

28. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server sends map information showing the nearest printing agent printer site based on the location information.

29. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server receives GPS information from the client terminal.

30. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server retrieves the current location of the client terminal based on the location information, and thereafter, retrieves a printing agent printer site nearest to the current location.

31 (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server receives agent printing results from the printer, and sends the agent printing results to the client terminal.

32. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server automatically debits a specified account for an agent printing fee in accordance with the agent printing results.

33. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server instructs printing that includes an advertisement to the printer in accordance with an advertisement-included printing specification from the client terminal, and discounts a printing fee in accordance with the agent printing that includes an advertisement.

34. (New) The printing agent service system according to claim 20, wherein the server sends an agent printing fee to the client terminal in accordance with the agent printing results.

35. (New) A printing agent service method, comprising:
receiving a user ID, a print request and location information from a client terminal;
retrieving a printing agent printer site nearest to the location of the client terminal based on the location information; and
sending information of the nearest printing agent printer site to the client terminal for display,
wherein if a user specified by the user ID has used any of the printing agent printer site(s) in the past, information of a predetermined number of printing agent printer sites which have been most recently used by the user is sent.

36. (New) A printing agent service system, comprising:
a database for storing printing agent printer sites; and

a server for receiving a user ID, a print request and location information from a client terminal, and retrieving, from the database, the printing agent printer site nearest to the location of the client terminal in accordance with said location information,

wherein the server sends information of the nearest printing agent printer site to the client terminal for display,

receives from the client terminal a specified printing agent printer site, and sends the print request to a printer at the specified printing agent printer site, and

if a user specified by the user ID has used any of the printing agent printer site(s) in the past, information of a predetermined number of printing agent printer sites which have been most recently used by the user are sent.